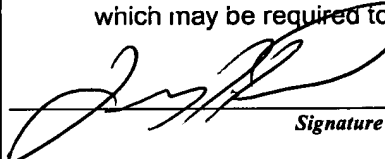
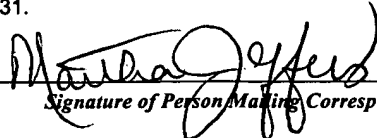


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<b>PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a)</b> <b>(Small Entity)</b>			Docket No. RTI Energy-4	
In Re Application Of: Michael E. Beard et al				
Serial No. 09/960,083	Filing Date 09/21/2001	Examiner John J. Kreck	Group Art Unit 3673	
Invention: Removable Receptacle for Use on an Offshore Structure				
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>TO THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:</u></p> <p>This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a response to the Office Action of <u>10/29/2002</u> in the above-identified application.</p> <p>The requested extension is as follows (check time period desired):</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> One month      <input type="checkbox"/> Two months      <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Three months      <input type="checkbox"/> Four months      <input type="checkbox"/> Five months</p> <p>from: <u>Jan 29 2003</u>      until: <u>April 29 2003</u></p> <p>A verified statement of small entity status as a small entity under 37 CFR 1.27:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> is enclosed. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> has already been filed in this application.</p> <p>The fee for the extension of time is \$465 and is to be paid as follows:</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A check in the amount of the fee is enclosed. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 02-4345 A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor and charge any additional fees which may be required to Deposit Account No. 02-4345 A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.</p> <p> _____ Signature</p> <p>Dated: April 29, 2003</p> <div><p>L ren G. Helmreich Br wning Bushman P.C. 5718 Westheimer, Suite 1800 Houst n, Texas 77057 Telephone: (713) 266-5593 Facsimile: (713) 266-5169</p><p>05/08/2003 MDAWTE1 00000096 09960083 01 F0:2253 465.00 0P</p><p>cc: File</p></div> <div><p>I certify that this document and fee is being deposited on 04/29/2003 with the U.S. Postal Service as first class mail under 37 C.F.R. 1.8 and is addressed to the Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231.</p><p> Signature of Person Mailing Correspondence</p><p>Martha Jeffers Typed or Printed Name of Person Mailing Correspondence</p></div>				

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